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I hereby certify that each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months ago by the attached European Patent Office Communication (Search Report) dated August 24, 2001. See that communication for information on each document. Applicant also cites herewith U.S. Patent No. 5,867,706 (Ref. AR) which is the U.S. counterpart of WO 97 29423 A (Ref. OR) cited in the search report. In addition, U.S. Pat. No. 5,983,227 was mentioned by the Examiner in the personal interview of 9/20/01 and is listed on the Form 1449 (as Ref. BR) to make it of record in this application.


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